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SUBJECT: HAPPENINGS--MEXICO CITY G-77--SEPT 14

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1. AFTER ECHEVERRIA AND WALDHEIM ADDRESSED G-77 ON SEPT 14, OTHER MAJOR SPEECHES IN THE PLENARY INCLUDED PAKISTANI FORMAL PRESENTATION OF THE BHUTTO PROPOSAL FOR A THIRD WORLD SUMMIT, ADDRESSES BY UNCTAD SYG COREA, AND BY REPS FROM PERU AND INDIA. COMMITTEES THEN WENT INTO SESSION AND, AS FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE, HAVE NOT PRODUCED ANY WORKING DRAFTS YET.

2. AS OF SEPT 14, SEVENTY-SEVEN NATIONS HAVE ACTUALLY ACCREDITED DELEGATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE WITH A MINISTERIAL HEAD OF DELEGATION MORE THE EXCEPTION THAN THE RULE. THERE IS HEAVY REPRESENTATION FROM NEW YORK AND GENEVA MISSIONS WITH TECHNICAL SUPPORT FROM HOME MINISTRIES.

3. THE IDEA OF A PERMANENT INSTITUTION OR STRUCTURE FOR G-77/THIRD WORLD REMAINS A DOMINANT THEME BUT NO INDICATIONS HAVE EMERGED AS TO ITS POSSIBLE SUCCESS. SOME DELEGATIONS ARE RESENTFUL OF MEXICAN HEAVY-HANDED
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PUSHING OF THE CONCEPT, SOME SUSPICIOUS THAT THE MAIN

PURPOSE OF SOME SORT OF PERMANENT SECRETARIAT WOULD BE TO GIVE LUIS ECHEVERRIA A JOB SINCE HIS CHANCES OF THE UN SYG ARE SO SLIM. CORRIDOR TALK ALSO PRODUCED NEWS OF MEXICO INVESTIGATING A G-77/THIRD WORLD LINK WITH THE NEW THIRD WORLD INSTITUTE. SOME DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED SUSPICION OF ANY LINK WITH AN INSTITUTE WHICH MAY BE HEAVILY STAFFED WITH POLITICAL EXILES "WHO CAN'T EVEN GO HOME."

4. MUCH OF SEPT 14 TIME WAS LOST IN VARIOUS OFFICIAL CEREMONIES, SOME UNRELATED TO THE CONFERENCE. WITH MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES TAKING UP TIME AND EFFORT ON SEPT 15 AND 16, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL ONLY GET DOWN TO SERIOUS BUSINESS BY FRIDAY, THE 17TH.
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